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Named President of Shimer

To Take Office July 1

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With The University of Chicago

To Become Co-Educational This Fall

Homecoming Set For May 20 and 21

The Queen and Her Court . . .

A vivacious little Iowan will reign over the May Fete Activities this year when alumnae return to the campus in celebration of the College's second annual Homecoming Weekend. She is Patricia Grubbs, one of the school's most outstanding senior girls. Elected by popular vote of the entire faculty and student bodies, Pat has been active this year as President of the Y.W.C.A. with membership in the Art Club, International Relations Club and College Choir. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd B. Grubbs of Center Point, Iowa.

Elected to membership in the queen's court are the girls pictured below. The coronation of the queen will take place in the traditional style at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, May 21.



(Seated, left to right) — Liane John, St. Clair Missouri; Catherine Franke, Detroit, Michigan; Polly Eberhart, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Maid of Honor; Margaret Wimmer, Cuba City, Wisconsin; Dixianna Berry, Anamosa, Iowa. (Standing, left to right) — Mary Atchison, Independence, Iowa; Margaret Curtiss, Stockton, Illinois; Carolyn Piper, Madison, Wisconsin; Ethel Okamura, Honolulu, T. H.; Marjorie Lehmann, Sioux City, Iowa; Jean Hemmingsen, Belmond, Iowa.

Noted Educator Elected to Presidency

Shimer has a new President. He is Dr. Aaron J. Brumbaugh, one of the most prominent men in the field of higher education today and for the past six years Vice President of the American Council on Education in Washington, D. C.

The announcement of Dr. Brumbaugh's election to Shimer's highest administrative office was made concurrently on April 13 with the information concerning the strengthened affiliation with Shimer and the University of Chicago. He and Mrs. Brumbaugh will arrive on campus July 1.

In no sense is Dr. Brumbaugh a newcomer to Shimer. Until his appointment as an Honorary Trustee in September of 1948, he had served faithfully for a period of ten years as a member of the Board of Trustees. His long association with the College qualifies him in a special sense to provide the leadership necessary in the undertaking of this new program to which Shimer is now committed.

A 1914 graduate of Mount Morris College in Illinois, Dr. Brumbaugh received his M. A. degree from the University of Chicago in 1918 and his Ph. D. from the same institution in 1929. Honorary LL.D. degrees have been bestowed upon him by Albion College in 1938, Manchester College in 1941 and Bethany College in 1948. He also received the L.H.D. degree from Mount Union College in 1943.

Dr. Brumbaugh's experience as an educator is both wide and varied. Having taught in the Illinois Public School system for a number of years, he served as Superintendent of Schools in Mount Morris before joining Mount Morris College in 1915 as head of the



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Department of English. During a period of ten years with the college, he also served as Dean, Professor of Education and President. He has experienced a long and interesting association with the University of Chicago, serving that institution as Professor of Education and Dean of Students over a period of almost two decades.

In addition to his present duties with the American Council on Education Dr. Brumbaugh has served as Chairman of the Army-Navy Committee on the U. S. Armed Forces Institute, and was a member of both the United States Delegation to the first UNESCO Conference in Paris in the fall of 1946 and the Mission to Korea to study educational conditions during May and June of 1947. The Conference Board of Associated Research Councils, of which he is chairman, is

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Affiliation Strengthened With University of Chicago . . .

A renewed and strengthened affiliation with the University of Chicago has finally come into being after long months of examination and revision.

Realizing that there is virtue in self-criticism, in self-examination and in the constant re-statement and refinement of the College's aims, the Shimer Board of Trustees on April 13 announced concurrently with the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago plans which give Shimer a new and distinctive role in the field of general education.

The plans are the logical development of aims prominent in the minds of administrators of both institutions when Shimer was incorporated as the Frances Shimer Academy of the University of Chicago back in 1896.

Basically, they fall into four main categories:

1. The Shimer curriculum in general education will be re-structured in line with that of the College of the University of Chicago.

2. The A.B. degree will be granted to those students who meet certain graduation requirements which will include satisfactory completion of a series of comprehensive examinations.

3. A plan of co-education will be adopted, beginning in the autumn of 1950.

4. The school year will be divided into three terms rather than into two semesters.

It was necessary, of course, to consider the advantages of this af-

filiation to both the College and to the University before final action was taken. In a paper prepared in January in support of the affiliation, Dr. Brumbaugh summed up the advantages in the following words:

"From the standpoint of the College, the affiliation would re-establish a relationship that was earlier contemplated; it would give the institution prestige, even a place of leadership under the aegis of the University in the field of general education, and would make for the use of the facilities of the institution for a more effective and broader educational service than is now rendered.

"From the standpoint of the University, the affiliation would provide for the extension of its college program; it would provide an environmental setting that would appeal to many parents and some students who do not look with favor on a metropolitan environment, particularly for younger students; it would offer an opportunity for (developing) a program of general education in the type of college that is independent of direct university connection—a type of institution that will play an increasingly important role in American education, public and private; and it might provide good opportunities for apprentice-teaching for graduate students who are preparing for college teaching."

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The decision to adopt the Chicago curriculum was made in order to promote and expand the opportunities for a general liberal education, and to cultivate the teaching and testing techniques which best support such an education. Work toward an A.B. degree can be started at Shimer under the new plan at completion of the high school sophomore year with the degree normally to be earned in four years. A student extremely well qualified and well informed can, however, complete the course in less than four years, as is the case at the University.

On obtaining an A.B. degree at Shimer a student can transfer to other colleges or universities for work toward higher degrees which will not be offered at Shimer. The A. B. degree Shimer graduate can also enter the divisional program of the University of Chicago and obtain a master's degree in three additional years.

Male students who register for the autumn term of 1950 will be housed in Hathaway Hall and will undertake the same course of study as will women students. Additional housing on campus will be provided if needed. Recreational facilities and social functions will be expanded to meet the needs of both men and women. Non-credit courses in art, music and drama will be offered.

One important feature in the new program will be that all students will work at the level of their ability. Placement tests will be given for those old students who move over to the new plan, so in no sense will a student have to repeat any course in which she has a satisfactory level of competence. Since Shimer has been experimenting for

the past several years in the use of some of the general courses of the College of the University of Chicago, it now will not only extend the use of the Chicago general courses, but also will adopt the testing and examining procedures of the Chicago plan.

The Shimer Board of Trustees will still function as a separate entity for holding property and administering the College under its charter, and the College will continue its corporate status. However, Shimer will now be spoken of as Shimer College, in keeping with its decision to discontinue operation as a women's college.

The new agreement for affiliation will be reviewed at the end of five years, but may be terminated before that time with consent of the boards of both institutions. Thereafter, either may terminate upon a year's notice.

It is a well-known fact that in laying a foundation for a liberal education, in forming character and in fitting students for life itself rather than a job which is but a small part of life, the small college has no rival. In its new task of educating both men and women to become builders in a new world, Shimer College is more than ever deserving of your continuing loyalty and support.

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responsible for the screening and selection of professors and research scholars to participate in the Fulbright Program. For approximately two years he has served as a member of the Loyalty Review Board of the U.S. Civil Service Commission. He is also a member of the Program Committee of the Hazen Foundation and of the Board of Grants of the American

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A Bigger and Better Homecoming . . .

Something new has been added for Shimer's second annual Homecoming Weekend. Under the sponsorship of the Carroll County Alumnae Chapter arrangements are underway for an informal homecoming dance to which all alumnae are invited to "drag" their husbands, fiancés and boyfriends. The dance is also open to students, as well as any other friends of the College who care to come. A local orchestra will furnish music suitable to the speed of all age groups; entertainment at intermission time will provide fun and laughter. Tickets will be on sale at the door of the gymnasium with the admission price set at only \$1.00 per couple. Since so many alumnae have asked about tickets, we are making space available on the reservation blank for your convenience in ordering. A word to you procrastinators—better start polishing up on some of those old dance steps now!

In many ways this year's Homecoming activities hold more appeal than did those of last year. The May Fete program alone promises to be one of the most gala in many years. Scenes from a County Fair will depict gaiety and laughter portrayed in a series of Indian, Spanish, Hawaiian, Russian and American Square dances. A scene from a Beer (Root) Garden, complete with male quartet, will add to the realities of a County Fair.

The May Fete is under the direction of Miss Marcella Roberts, Instructor in Physical Education.

The Ninth Annual Horseshow at Glengarry Farm Stables will appeal to those of you who are interested in horsemanship. Classes in all types of riding will be shown with outside exhibitions included

as added attractions.

A number of outside guests will be on the campus during the weekend of activities. Members of the Garden Club of Illinois, Inc., touring the northern part of the state during the week of May 21-28, will halt at Argyle Terrace, Argyle Stables and Glengarry Farm Stables, properties of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Campbell, Mount Carroll, in order to enjoy the beauty of these estates. The group will also tour the Shimer campus, taking especial note of the exhibition of oils and watercolors by Northern Illinois Artists in the Dickerson Gallery.

The week end is really planned, though, for you. We want you to return to enjoy the fun, the laughter, the decorated campus, your old professors. Make your plans now. Send for your reservations. And write your friends that you'll be seeing them at Homecoming time at Shimer.

Commencement Speaker

Dr. Ernest C. Colwell, President of the University of Chicago and Vice-President of the Shimer Board of Trustees, will deliver the address at the ninety-seventh commencement exercises on Sunday afternoon, June 4, on the site of the old tennis courts. Graduates of both the lower and upper divisions will receive their diplomas at that time.

The Baccalaureate sermon will be presented earlier in the day by Dr. Merrill L. Hutchins, Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Mount Carroll and Director of Religious Activities at the College. The service will be held in the First Baptist Church at the regular morning worship hour.

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Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education, and has served as Chairman of the Program Committee of the Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth. He is a member of the Cosmos Club in Washington and of the Quadrangle Club at the University of Chicago. He has held membership in Phi

Delta Kappa for some years.

In becoming Shimer's sixth president, Dr. Brumbaugh succeeds Dr. Albin C. Bro, recently appointed Cultural Attache for the State Department in Korea. He will assume his office July 1. Dr. John H. Russel who has served as Acting President in the interim will retain his position as Dean of the College!



Homecoming Schedule of Events . . .

Saturday, May 20

- 10:00 a. m. Registration for alumnae
West Hall Lounge
- 12:30 p. m. *Luncheon
McKee Hall
- 1:00 p. m. Annual Alumnae Board Meeting
Heinze Room
(All alumnae are invited)
- 2:00 p. m. Informal Open House
West Hall Lounge
- 2:30 p. m. Student Art Exhibition
Art Building
- 2:30 p. m. Oil and Watercolor Exhibition by Illinois Artists
Dickerson Gallery
- 3:30 p. m. May Fete
Golf Course

6:00 p. m. *Buffet Supper
McKee Hall

8:00 p. m. Homecoming Dance
Gymnasium

Sunday, May 21

8:30 a. m. *Breakfast
McKee Hall

11:00 a. m. Church Service
First Baptist Church

12:00 m. *Dinner
McKee Hall

1:30 p. m. Horse Show
Glengary Farm Stables

*Reservations Only

Room reservations made on request.

Homecoming Chairman
Ruth Kingery Noble (Mrs. Fred B. '23)

- ☐ Please makereservations for Saturday's Luncheon,
.....reservations for Sunday's Breakfast,
.....reservations for Sunday's Dinner.

☐ Please reserve.....room(s) for.....for Saturday evening.

☐ Please mail me.....tickets for the Homecoming Dance.

Name.....

Address.....

Send this coupon, together with room deposit check of \$1.00 per room and \$1.00 per couple for dance tickets to the Public Relations Office, Frances Shimer College, before May 13, 1950.

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